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A WHILE AFTER HEARING TACHIBANA'S DREAM...

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HAH...
IT'S BEEN RAINY LATELY
MY HAIR GETS FUFFY
IT SEEMS THE RAINY SEASON HAS ARRIVED.
OOTSUKA-SAN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO JUN-SAN'S SHOP TOMORROW?
EH? SURE, BUT...
YOU HEARD ABOUT JUN-SAN'S WEDDING
WEREN'T YOU GONNA STOP GOING THERE FOR A WHILE?
IT WAS CERTAINLY A SHOCK, BUT...
THE RAMEN COMMITTED NO SIN
IT CAN'T BE HELPED
R-RIGHT
OKAY, LET'S GO! I HAVEN'T GONE LATELY, EITHER
I SAID

SFX CHATTER
I SAID IT'S TRUE!
HE SAID IT HIMSELF, YOU KNOW?
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IT'S KINDA NOISY...
?
TACHIBANA IS QUITTING HIGH SCHOOL.
THAT'S SUPER SUDDEN, YOU KNOW! IS THAT REALLY TRUE?
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WELL, IT'LL BE THE SAME EVEN IF THAT GUY ISN'T HERE
SFX: AHAHA

SFX SHOCK
SFX GRAB
WHA-
OOTSUKA?
OI, SAITOU! WHERE DID YOU HEAR THAT FROM?
!!!
I TALKED TO OUR HOMEROOM TEACHER WHEN I HANDED IN THE CLASS JOURNAL.
I-IN THE STAFF ROOM..
SFX TAP
OOTSUKA-SAN?
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OI, I SAID WAIT, TACHIBANA
WE'RE STILL NOT DONE TALKING
YOU TOLD ME SO SUDDENLY
WHY DON'T YOU THINK ABOUT IT A BIT MORE?
EVEN IF I THINK ABOUT IT, IT'LL BE THE SAME
HAVE YOU HAD A PROPER TALK WITH YOUR PARENTS?
YOU'RE ANNOYING! MY PARENTS DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT!
I TOLD YOU, I'M QUITTING!
BWUH

SIGH. WHOOSH. KIND OF NOISE

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SFX: BAM
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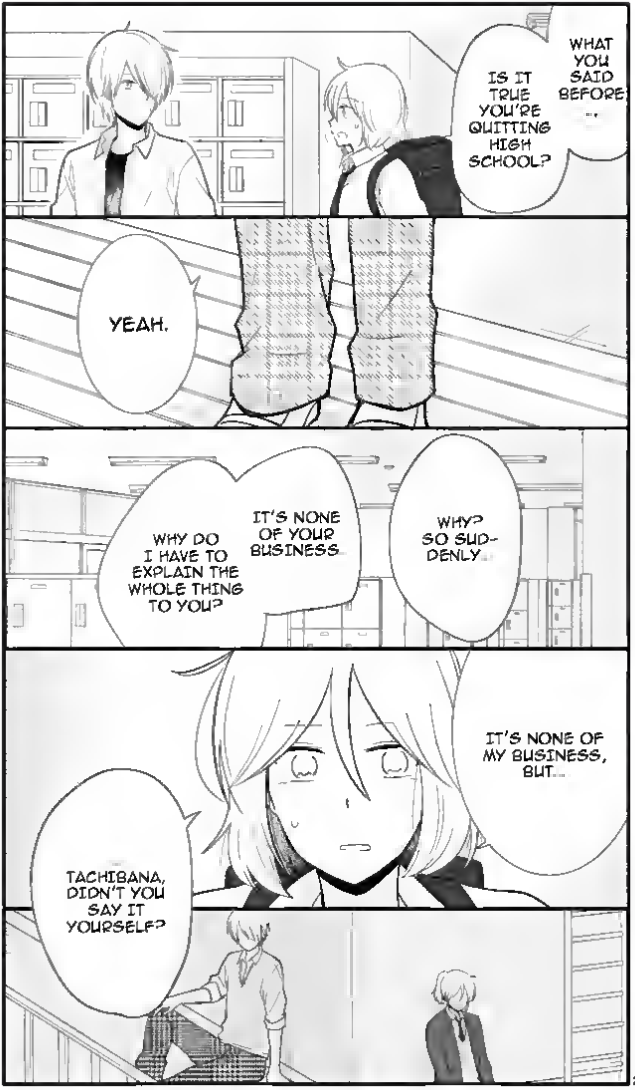
TACHIBANA


WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE...
IS IT TRUE YOU'RE QUITTING HIGH SCHOOL?
YEAH.
WHY? SO SUDDENLY...
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
WHY DO I HAVE TO EXPLAIN THE WHOLE THING TO YOU?
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, BUT...
TACHIBANA, DIDN'T YOU SAY IT YOURSELF?

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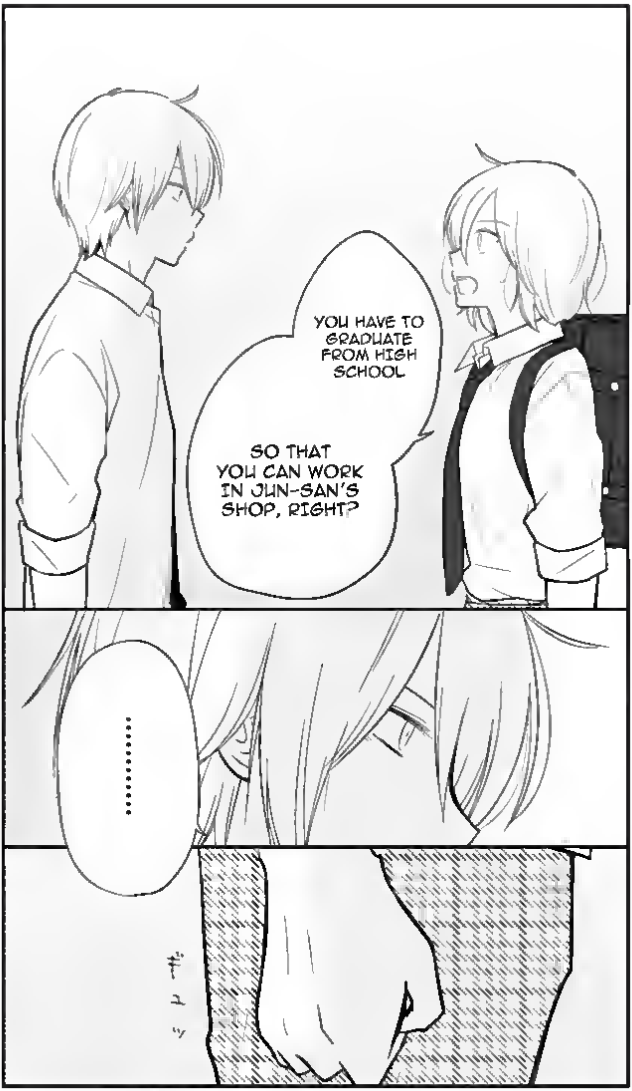

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SFX. CLENCH

THAT'S
ALL GONE NOW.
THAT'S WHY
IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE.

T/N: THIS PAGE WAS ENTIRELY BLACK IN THE RAWS, I PROMISE

SFX: RAIN
SFX: STICK
SFX: CLAP
DEAR CUSTOMER,
WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU
THAT WE WILL BE CLOSING
ON THE 30TH OF JUNE
THANK YOU FOR ALL
THE SUPPORT AND
OKAY.
WHEW
.....
JUN
-SAN!

OH, YUI-CHAN!
HEY, THAT NOTICE... YOU'RE CLOSING SHOP?!
THAT'S RIGHT.
I DECIDED TO CLOSE THE SHOP AT THE END OF THE MONTH.
W-WHY...
SFX: RAIN
RAIN IS POURING OUT HERE.
SHALL WE TALK INSIDE?

I-
IT'S FINE...
SORRY, IT'S A BIT OF A MESS.
IT WAS A SUDDEN DECISION
I'LL BE WORKING IN MY WIFE'S PARENTS' HOUSE IN HOKKAIDO.
IT'S SUDDEN, BUT
THE TRUTH IS, WHEN I GOT MARRIED LAST MONTH, MY FATHER-IN-LAW COLLAPSED.
MY FATHER-IN-LAW ALSO RUNS A RAMEN SHOP.
THEY HAVE A SHOP IN HOKKAIDO
HOK-KAI-DO?!
NO, I WANTED TO GIVE A PROPER EXPLANATION TO REGULAR CUSTOMERS, ANYWAY
SORRY, I GUESS I CAME AT A BAD TIME...
THAT'S WHY TACHIBANA IS QUITTING SCHOOL TOO, RIGHT?
OH, SO YOU'RE MOVING, HUH - IT'LL BE LONELY, BUT I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

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HUH? QUIT-TING?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HUH?
WHAT?
WHEN DID YOU HEAR THAT?
TODAY AT SCHOOL
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THAT BASTARD.

SFX SLAM
EVEN THOUGH I SAID I DON'T WANT HIM TO ACT SO SELFISH
I SHOULD'VE HIT HIM ONE MORE TIME
WAS IT JUN-SAN WHO CAUSED TACHIBANA'S INJURY...?
THEN,
YOU HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH TACHIBANA QUITTING SCHOOL?
MAYBE IT WAS WRONG FOR ME TO SAY IT
NO, WHEN I TALKED TO HIM ABOUT CLOSING THE SHOP, I NEVER ASKED HIM TO QUIT SCHOOL TO WORK INSTEAD
WE HAD A MASSIVE ARGUMENT ABOUT IT YESTERDAY, TOO
AN ARGUMENT... ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE LEAVING TOGETHER?
YEAH. I DON'T WANT HIM TO JUST DROP OUT,
SO I TOLD HAYATO TO STAY HERE
I DROPPED OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL, SO I KNOW THE STRUGGLE WELL ENOUGH
WORKING IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO ANYTIME, SO—

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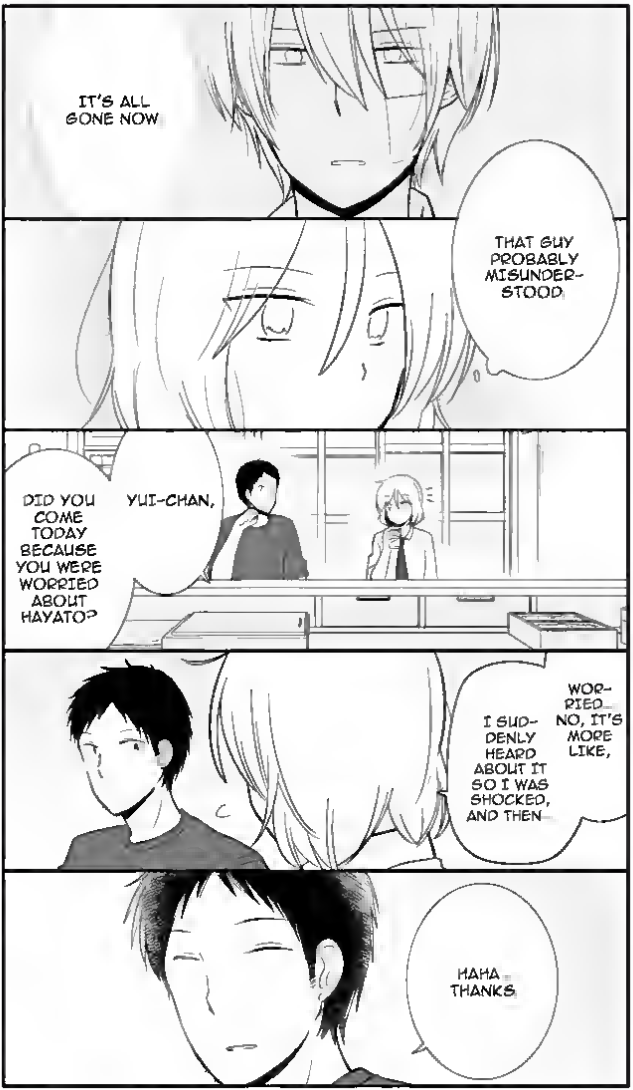
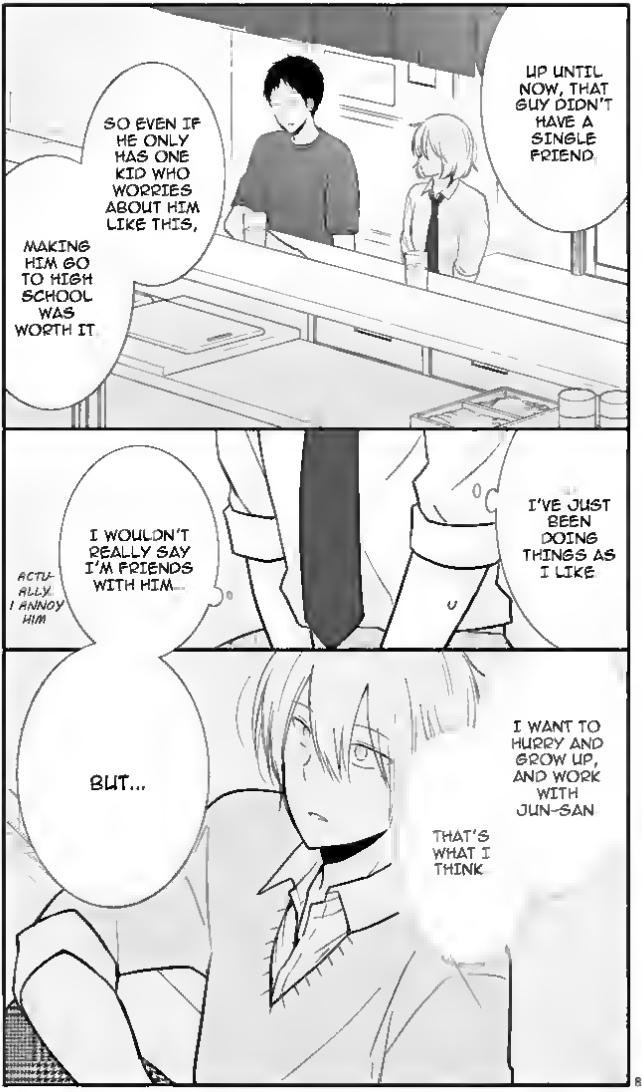
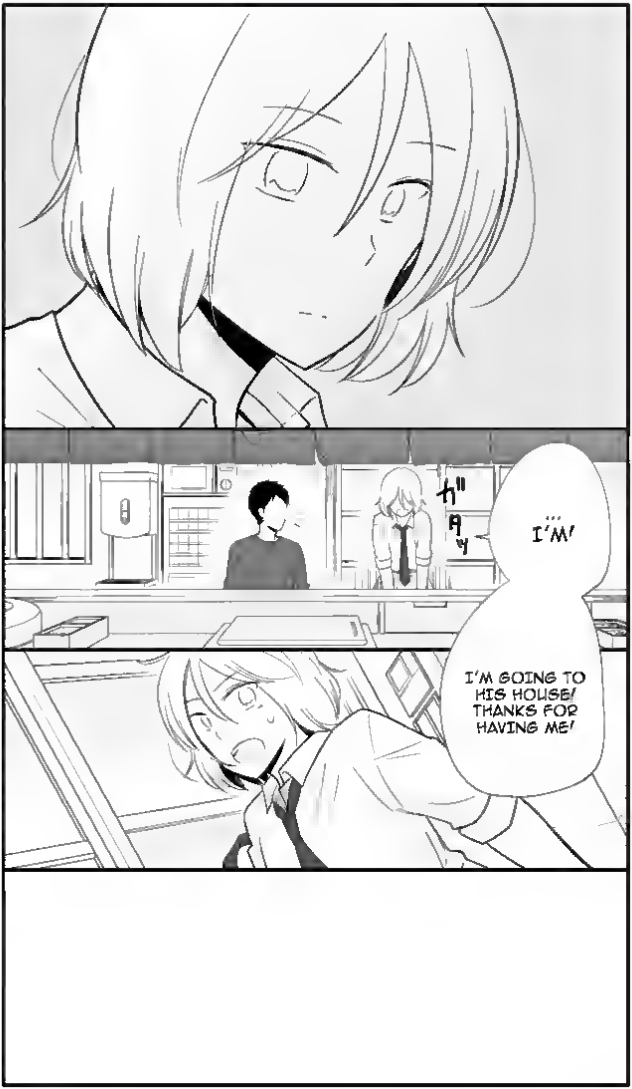
I DON'T WANT
FOR HIM TO HAVE THE SAME REGRETS.
HUH,
I GUESS JUN-SAN THINKS ABOUT TACHIBANA A WHOLE LOT.


IT'S ALL GONE NOW
THAT GUY PROBABLY MISUNDER-STOOD
YUI-CHAN,
DID YOU COME TODAY BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT HAYATO?
WOR-RIED... NO, IT'S MORE LIKE,
I SUD-DENLY HEARD ABOUT IT SO I WAS SHOCKED, AND THEN...
HAHA... THANKS


UP UNTIL NOW, THAT GUY DIDN'T HAVE A SINGLE FRIEND.
SO EVEN IF HE ONLY HAS ONE KID WHO WORRIES ABOUT HIM LIKE THIS,
MAKING HIM GO TO HIGH SCHOOL WAS WORTH IT.
I'VE JUST BEEN DOING THINGS AS I LIKE
I WOULDN'T REALLY SAY I'M FRIENDS WITH HIM...
ACTUALLY, I ANNOY HIM
I WANT TO HURRY AND GROW UP, AND WORK WITH JUN-SAN
THAT'S WHAT I THINK.
BUT...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I'M!
I'M GOING TO HIS HOUSE! THANKS FOR HAVING ME!

SFX: RAIN
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DING DONG
STA~RE..
NO ANSWER
THE LIGHT IN HIS ROOM IS ON, SO HE'S DEFINITELY INSIDE
SFX: HMM
SFX: BAM BAM
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OI, IT'S OOTSUKA! TACHIBANA, I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE!
THERE'S TROUBLE!
JUN -SAN IS...!
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WHAT.
YOU'RE NOISY.
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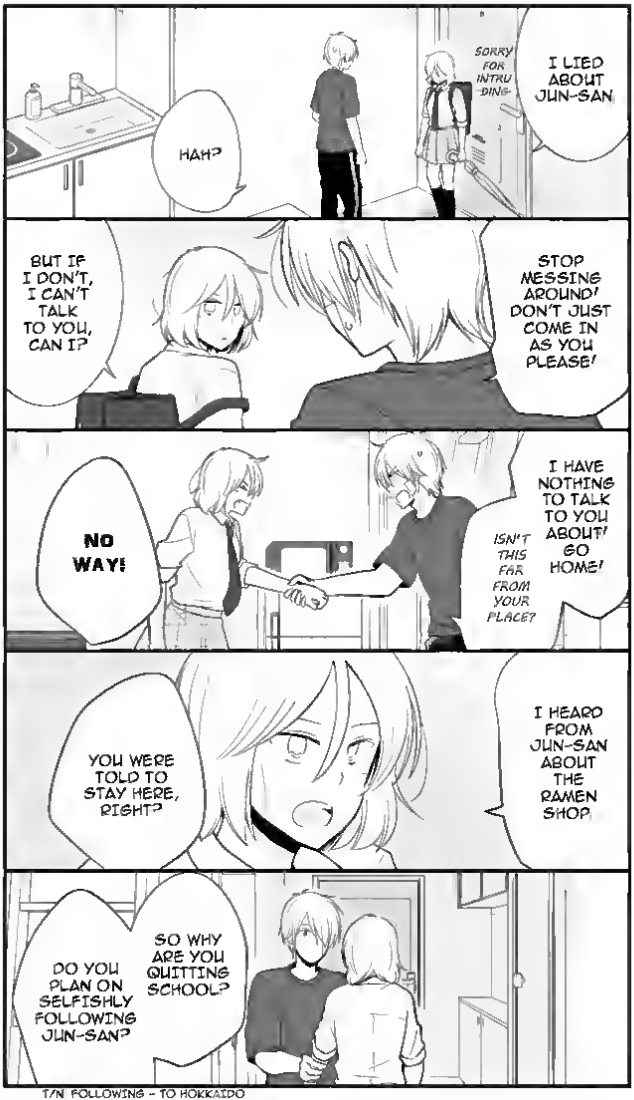
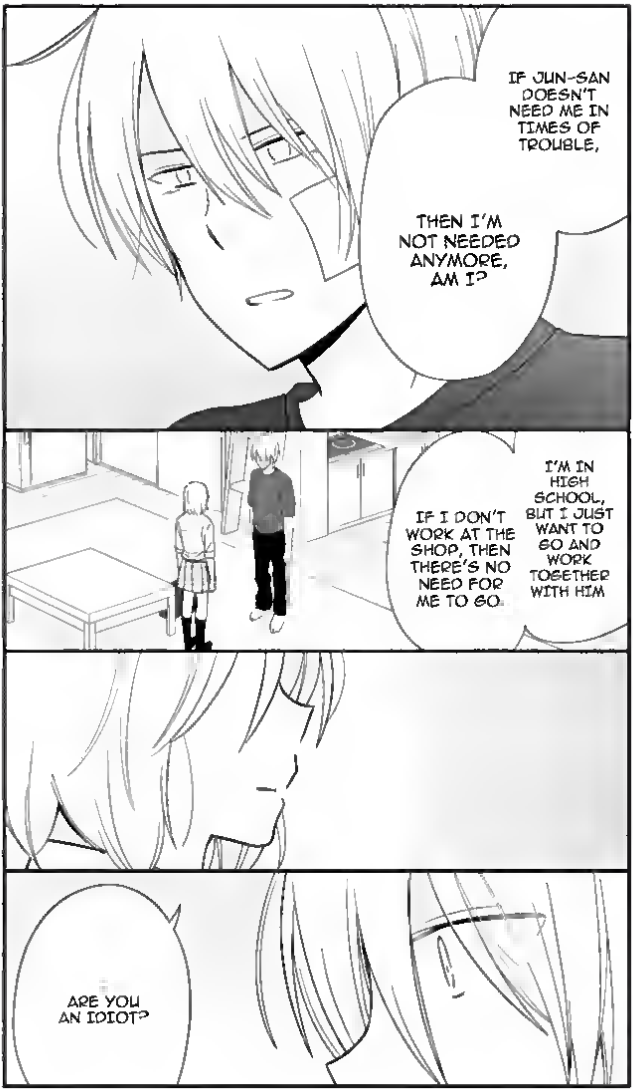
NOW, YOU'LL LISTEN CAREFULLY, RIGHT?


I LIED ABOUT JUN-SAN.
SORRY FOR INTRU-DING.
HAH?
STOP MESSING AROUND! DON'T JUST COME IN AS YOU PLEASE!
BUT IF I DON'T, I CAN'T TALK TO YOU, CAN I?
I HAVE NOTHING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT! GO HOME!
ISN'T THIS FAR FROM YOUR PLACE?
NO WAY!
I HEARD FROM JUN-SAN ABOUT THE RAMEN SHOP.
YOU WERE TOLD TO STAY HERE, RIGHT?
SO WHY ARE YOU QUITTING SCHOOL?
DO YOU PLAN ON SELFISHLY FOLLOWING JUN-SAN?

T/N: FOLLOWING - TO HOKKAIDO
NOT FOLLOWING AS IN OBEYING
TACHIBANA DOESN'T PLAY BY ANYONE'S RULES

... WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "FOLLOW"?
DIDN'T WE DECIDE AGAINST THAT?
I- I'LL QUIT
WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL?
BUT WHY? I'LL GO THERE AND WORK, TOO.
I WON'T BE ABLE TO LOOK AFTER YOU.
ANYWAY, IF YOU DID GO, COULD YOU REALLY LIVE THERE?
STOP MESSING AROUND! I TOLD YOU TO GO TO SCHOOL PROPERLY, DIDN'T I?
DON'T BE SO NAIVE TO THINK YOU CAN LIVE ALONE WITHOUT THAT.
BECAUSE YOUR OLD MAN IS PAYING FOR YOUR TUITION AND YOUR APARTMENT
YOU CAN LIVE THE WAY YOU DO RIGHT NOW,

I'M NOT LOOKING TO HIRE ANYONE LIKE THAT. EVEN IF YOU CAME WITH ME, IT'LL BE A PAIN.
IF YOU GET IT, THEN GO TO SCHOOL PROPERLY.
WHY
IS IT NOT ENOUGH?
EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT THE BRAT I WAS BACK THEN
EVEN THOUGH I WANT TO BE OF HELP TO HIM
JUN-SAN SAID IT HIMSELF
"EVEN IF YOU CAME WITH ME, IT'LL BE A PAIN," HE SAID.


IF JUN-SAN DOESN'T NEED ME IN TIMES OF TROUBLE,
THEN I'M NOT NEEDED ANYMORE, AM I?
I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL, BUT I JUST WANT TO GO AND WORK TOGETHER WITH HIM
IF I DON'T WORK AT THE SHOP, THEN THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO GO.
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?

HE ONLY TOLD YOU NOT TO GO WITH HIM, BUT YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'D LOST EVERYTHING
HOW SILLY.
HUH?
ARE YOU GIVING UP ON YOUR DREAM FOR A REASON LIKE THAT?
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...SHUT UP!
WHAT THE HELL WOULD YOU KNOW?
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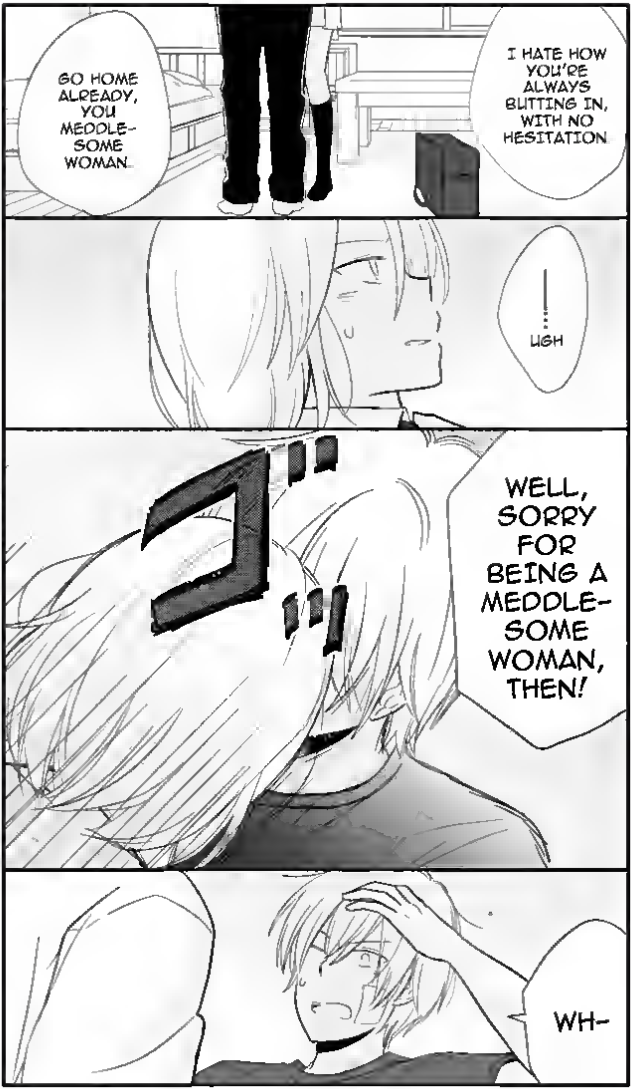
GO HOME ALREADY, YOU MEDDLE-SOME WOMAN.
I HATE HOW YOU'RE ALWAYS BUTTING IN, WITH NO HESITATION
UGH
SFX: WHACK
WELL, SORRY FOR BEING A MEDDLE-SOME WOMAN, THEN!
WH-

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SFX: STAGGER
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UGH... OW.
IT HURTS. HEAD-BUTTING ME, ARE YOU AN ACTUAL IDIOT?
YOU
THE IDIOT HERE IS YOU!

HAH?
DID YOU LISTEN TO JUN-SAN'S WORDS PROPERLY?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "I'M NOT NEEDED"?
WHY CAN'T YOU UNDER-STAND THAT?
DOESN'T THAT MEAN YOU CAN GO "AFTER GRADUA-TION"?
HE SAID YOU CAN'T GO WITH HIM "RIGHT NOW"!
JUN-SAN
THINKS A LOT ABOUT YOU, TACHIBANA

JUST WAIT UNTIL GRADU-ATION
QUITTING RIGHT NOW WOULD BE A REALLY BAD IDEA
GRADU-ATION...
IT'S TWO YEARS AWAY!
AM I MEANT TO WAIT THAT LONG?
IT'S ONLY TWO YEARS!
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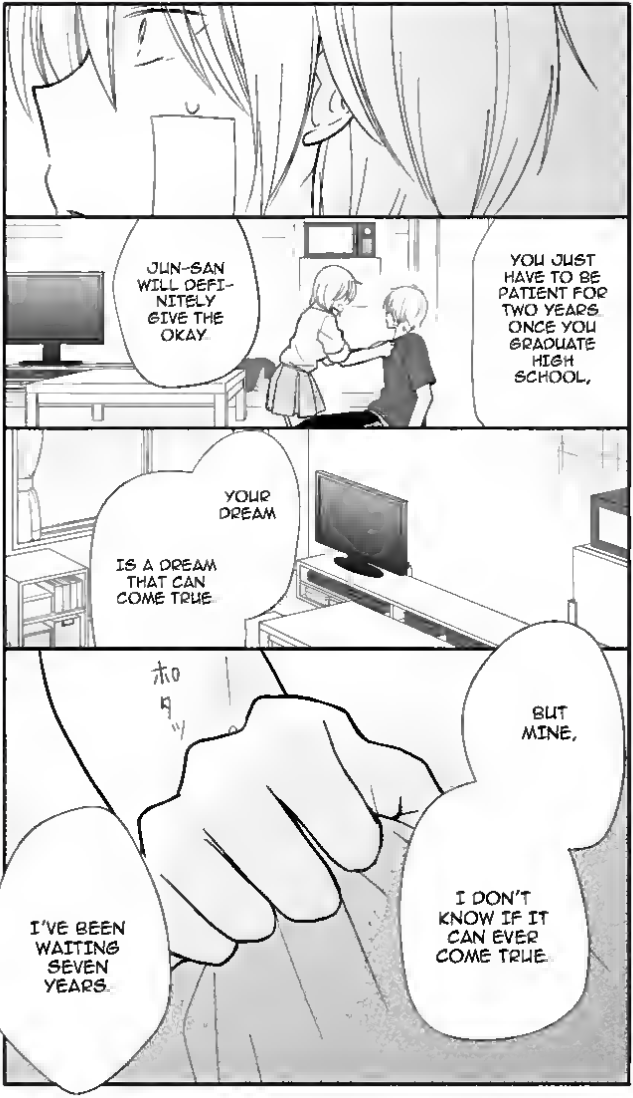
YOU JUST HAVE TO BE PATIENT FOR TWO YEARS. ONCE YOU GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL,
JUN-SAN WILL DEFINITELY GIVE THE OKAY.
YOUR DREAM
IS A DREAM THAT CAN COME TRUE.
BUT MINE,
I DON'T KNOW IF IT CAN EVER COME TRUE.
I'VE BEEN WAITING SEVEN YEARS.

T/N YUI USES "ORE" (MASCULINE I)

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TACHI
-BANA.
I'M JEALOUS OF YOU.
YOU CAN LIKE THE THINGS YOU LIKE, WITH COMPLETE HONESTY
YOU WORK HARD FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR DREAM.
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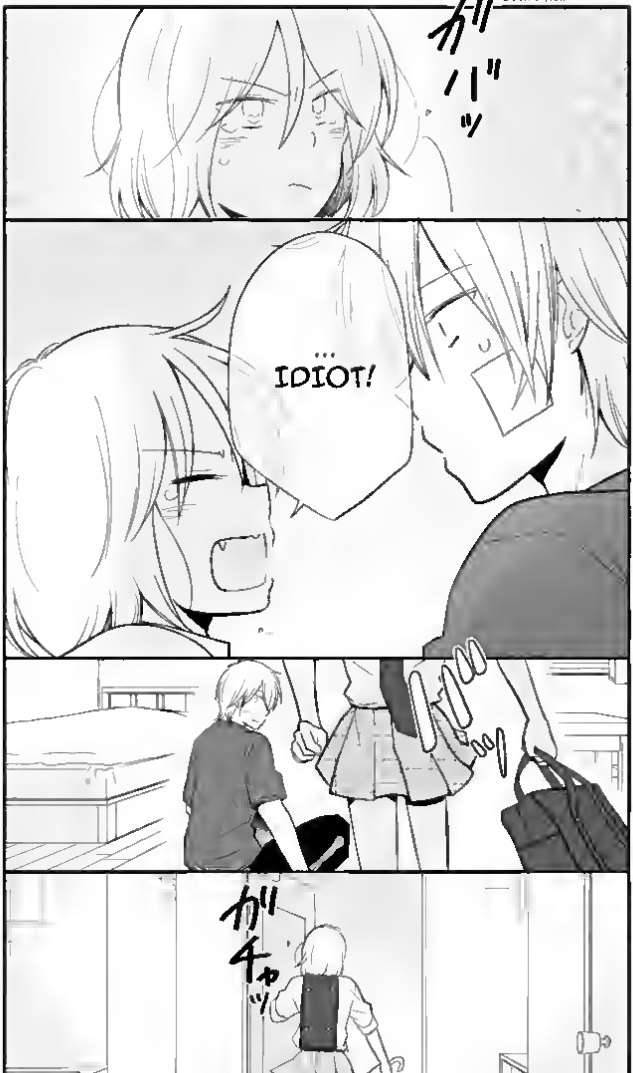
THAT'S WHY
I'VE BEEN ROOTING FOR YOU.
YOU CAN'T GIVE UP
ON YOUR DREAM
SO EASILY...
O-OOTSUKA.


SFX: FWUP
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...IDIOT!
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SFX: CLICK
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SFX THUMP
DAMN IT...!
AH, GEEZ, I DON'T GET IT!
WHAT WAS UP WITH HER?
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